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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

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Mr. David M. Curnock
SECOR International Incorporated
446 Eisenhower Lane North
Lombard, Illinois 60148

Re: Pre-Design Investigation Report
Area 9/10 – Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Site

Dear Mr. Curnock:

Both Mr. Thomas Turner and I are in receipt of a four-volume set dated April 28, 2006 which comprises the Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) Report for Area 9/10 of the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Site. This is a significant deliverable as envisioned by the Administrative Order on Consent, which calls for Remedial Design development at Area 9/10.

Volumes 2-4 of the PDI Report consist of detailed laboratory analytical information. Volume 1 of the PDI Report discusses such topics as field mobilization, historical review, geophysical survey summary, soil borings and soil classification, soil boring logs, groundwater monitoring well installation, groundwater construction information and logs of well construction, sampling events, quality assurance and quality control procedures, sample and field activity-derived waste management practices, investigation results summaries, etc.

With PDI Report development now complete, we look forward to preparation of the overall Remedial Design. As discussed in our meeting of April 13, 2006 at the SECOR offices with Mr. Moyer of Hamilton Sundstrand/UTC and with Mr. Williams of IL EPA, we anticipate the next major step to be development of preliminary design information for remedial components to be installed in the vicinity of the South Alley – running approximately from wells SMW-18/22 on the east, to wells SMW-6 and MW201 on the west. As discussed in the meeting, we are hopeful of receiving such preliminary design before the end of June 2006.

Yours truly,

Russell D. Hart, RPM
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cc:

T. Williams, IL EPA

S. Moyer, HS/UTC

✓ T. Turner, EPA/ORC